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Serial No: 10/021,531

Art Unit: 1765

Filing Date: December 12, 2001

Title: MODEL BASED METAL OVERETCH CONTROL

**Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2003

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments set forth hereinafter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee (\$420.00) for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [AMDP740US].

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